

MEMORANDUM FOR: Personnel Director

SUBJECT : Missing Persons Act Procedures

1. It is believed that further scrutiny should be given to our procedures for applying the Missing Persons Act.
2. It is requested that your Office undertake a study of this entire subject. Your study should explore such questions as:
  - a. What procedures should generally be used to bring together the data required to make a determination?
  - b. What procedures are or should be followed to insure full consideration of available data? Should an Advisory Board be established to review such evidence?
  - c. What office or official should be responsible for giving final approval to the determination that an individual is "missing" within the meaning of applicable statutes?
  - d. What standards are or should be established for recording the findings which result in determinations made with respect to the "missing" or death status of personnel?
3. In exploring solutions to these problems, it is suggested that you investigate and review in your report the practice followed by other Agencies in administering the Missing Persons Act.
4. A report, including your recommendations, should be forwarded to this Office not later than 19 August 1953.

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Acting Deputy Director  
(Administration)

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